

Recognizing February 2022 as African-American History Month

WHEREAS, During African-American History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African-Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, African-American History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 national theme for the observance is "Black Health and Wellness", and looks at how American healthcare has often underserved the African-American community; and


WHEREAS, the observance of African-American History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens—past, present, and future—are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg is proud to honor the history and contributions of African-Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of African-Americans – past and present – in our community I, Aaron Richardson, Mayor of the City of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 2022 to be African-American History Month and I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.


Mayor Aaron Richardson


Tracy Oldenburg, City Clerk

